

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1909–1912. **Page S11768**

Measures Reported:

S. 1409, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 to modify the grant program to improve sanitation in rural and Native villages in the State of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–159)

S. 1873, to prepare and strengthen the biodefenses of the United States against deliberate, accidental, and natural outbreaks of illness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11768**

Measures Passed:

Assistance for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act: Senate passed H.R. 1409, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11774**

Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 1382, to require the Secretary of the Interior to accept the conveyance of certain land, to be held in trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Indian tribe. **Page S11774**

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11753–72**

Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 2197, to reduce administrative costs in the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. **Page S11756**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2005; that at 10:30 a.m., Senate vote on, or in relation to, Specter Amendment No. 2197 (listed above), with no second-degree amendments in order to the amendment. **Pages S11774–75**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 89 yeas (Vote No. EX. 265) Brian Edward Sandoval, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada. **Pages S11762–63**

By unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 266) Harry Sandlin Mattice, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Page S11763**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—266) **Page S11763**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, October 25, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11775.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 4124; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 506–507, were introduced. **Page H9047**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9047**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9045**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine oil and gas activities by the Bureau of Land Management including impact of recently passed energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, General Burwell B. Bell, III, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command, and Commander, United States Forces Korea, and Lieutenant General Lance L. Smith, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew Slaughter, of New Hampshire, and Katherine Baicker, of New Hampshire, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Orlando J. Cabrera, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Gigi Hyland, of Virginia, and Rodney E. Hood, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of the

National Credit Union Administration Board, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 1829, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands, S. 1830, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and S. 1831, to convey certain submerged land to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, 9:30 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ellen R. Sauerbrey, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration, Jeffrey Thomas Bergner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, and Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the Agreement between the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Treaty Doc. 108–24), the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 109–1), and the nominations of C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Jennifer L. Dorn, of Nebraska, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Donald A. Gambatesa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, David B. Dunn, of California, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Carmen Maria Martinez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, Michael R. Arietti, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, David M. Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Roland Arnall, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Benson K. Whitney, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to Norway, Susan Rasinski McCaw, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, Nicholas F. Taubman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Romania, and a Foreign Service Officer promotion list received in the Senate on July 14, 2005, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine setting priorities in Federal spending

in the context of natural disaster, deficits and war, focusing on funding wasteful and ineffective programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to begin mark up of Titles I and II of reconciliation measures, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, executive, briefing on assessing the threat of agro-terrorism, 5:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled "The Voting Rights Act: Section 5 of the Act: History, Scope, and Purpose,"

11 a.m., and an oversight hearing entitled "The Voting Rights Act: The Continuing Need for Section 5," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following bills: H.R. 420, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2005; and H.R. 1461, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine how the U.S. can best utilize the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in advancing the interests of the United States, 3 p.m., SD-124.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 30 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3010, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations, and at 10:30 a.m., vote on, or in relation to, Specter Amendment No. 2197.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 25

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions: (1) H. Res. 220—Recognizing America's Blood Centers and its member organizations for their commitment to providing over half the Nation with a safe and adequate volunteer donor blood supply; (2) H.R. 3675—American Spirit Fraud Prevention Act; (3) H. Con. Res. 269—Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program; (4) H.R. 3256—Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Designation Act; (5) H.R. 3368—Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office Designation Act; (6) H. Res. 484—Supporting efforts to promote greater awareness of effective runaway youth prevention programs and the need for safe and productive alternatives, resources, and supports for homeless youth; and (7) H.R. 758—To establish an interagency aerospace revitalization task force to develop a national strategy for aerospace workforce recruitment, training, and cultivation.

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